

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-12, 17-23 and 26-68 are pending in the application. Claim 17 has been amended. Support for the amendment may be found in the application, for example, at page 16 to [age 16, line 15 (paragraphs [0058] to [0083] of the published application US 2004/0127713). No new matter has been added.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12, 19-23 and 26-68.

II. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 17 and 18 as being indefinite.

Applicant has amended claim 17 to clarify that the process proceeds according to two alternative ring closure routes. The product is formed, either by carrying out an Ullman reaction to form an intermediate 1A, which intermediate is then subjected to either a Friedel-Crafts reaction or a photoreaction to form the product; or by carrying out a Friedel-Crafts reaction or a photoreaction to form an intermediate 1B, which intermediate is then subjected to an Ullman reaction to form the product.

Based on the amendment and the foregoing remarks, all claims are believed in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

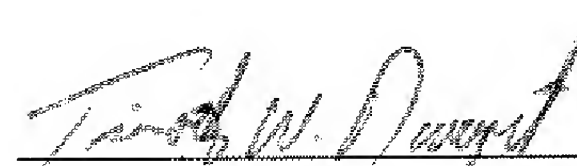
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